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Senate Bill No. SJR0023
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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Richard Pickell on his 500th
career basketball victory.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected Representatives of the state of Tennessee honor those exemplary citizens who have truly reached the pinnacle of personal and professional achievement; and

WHEREAS, Coach Richard Douglas Pickell is one such person whose esteemed career as a high school basketball coach and mentor for young people should not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pickell was born in Lenoir City, the son of proud parents Roy and Elsie Pickell; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Lenoir City High School, where he will long be remembered as captain of the basketball team that won the state championship in 1958 and made a second appearance in the state quarterfinals in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pickell continued playing the game he loved at Tennessee Wesleyan College, serving as the men's basketball team captain before graduating in 1964; and

WHEREAS, continuing his education, Coach Pickell obtained his Master's degree from Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, he began his brilliant coaching career at Oliver Springs High School as an assistant coach and later ascended to the position of head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pickell then moved to Harriman High School, where he has amassed an illustrious 24-year career as head coach of the boys' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 1995, Coach Pickell transcended to another level of coaching; one of which most coaches can only dream; and

WHEREAS, it was on this evening that Coach Pickell earned his 500th career win; a milestone achieved only through years of patience and competence; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his exceptional coaching abilities and his consummate leadership skills by his peers, associates, and the young men under his charge, the Harriman High School gymnasium was named for him on January 29, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pickell will once again be honored February 11, 1995, as the Harriman community celebrates his outstanding career at "The Richard Pickell Basketball Years Reunion"; and

WHEREAS, for years, Coach Pickell has shared his numerous accomplishments with his loving wife, Jean, and their two sons, Travis and Wesley; both of whom take after their father by excelling in athletics; and

WHEREAS, this widely respected man is also a devout member of the New Midway Church, serving God and the congregation as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, it is only proper that we pause to specially recognize the numerous successes of Coach Pickell and the tremendous contributions he has made to Tennessee high school athletics and the Harriman community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Coach Richard Pickell on his most recent coaching accomplishment, achieving 500 career wins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we honor Coach Pickell for his outstanding commitment to the athletic development of young people and for the example he sets forth as a coach and a leader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Pickell with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.